

GOVERNMENT DRAUGHTSME

CONTINUE TO INTERFERE WITH THE
ARCHITECTS OF THE CITY.

The New Supervising Architect of the Treasury Called Upon to Reform His Office in the Cause of Justice—Fair Play Called for.

Disregarding the question of the dishonesty of a government draughtsman using time and material not his own, there is another and a stronger feature of the case and that is the gross injustice done the man who has no other means of support than the exercise of his legitimate profession to a legitimate way.

shared official views. Who offers to do similar work for half or less than half as much money can possibly attempt it for. If the government architects contended themselves with only the half or less, they would be offering them that would be a wrong use when they deliberately settle down to make a regular business of outside work in the present, they would be endeavor to obtain jobs that have been promised to honest architects, then they would be doing a wrong thing. It is not that kind as by no means rare; in fact there have been so frequent cases as to call for a law to prevent such a thing. It is a wrong that was being done then and the interests of the public are not served.

There is more than one man in the department of service who has been guilty of such conduct. I have said, when spoken to on the subject, that I have no objection to the man who is doing the appointing power and myself if it allows me to take private work and to do it after office hours.

There is a few of the architects who are in the office in the city yesterday a REPUBLICAN reporter succeeded in getting a number of statements from the opinion of the architects on the question.

treasures on such terms," said one of the feasted ones. "It is an outrage that should be met by a law that would make the architect, or if he won't act, the Secretary, should take some compensation from the people who are to be made to compete with these men, who have libeled the salaries paid them for easy work, and who have been able to get away with it at a price upon which we manage to make a little more than an ordinary living."

So after a moment's pause, the speaker asked my sister for a general description of the man. "He is a young fellow, about twenty years of age, of a good family, and has asked my terms for a room of four houses on a certain size and description. I gave him the address, and he has not yet appeared. I intend to return in a few days to consult of plans, &c. He never came. I saw him in the street, and he did not stop. I have avoided me until about a week ago, when I met him in a bank, where he continued in the same manner, and told me that he had made other arrangements about the houses, and that he would not be troubled with me. I am on my asking him who was robbing me, and to do so I have gone to the office of the draughtsman in the supervising architect's office of the Treasury Department, and I have told him that I had

had none in the world, but this man I had come to him and offered to make the place his superintendent of construction. He thought I was less than half an amount, though the job was worth, and he said, "Of course he can do it, he can do it," but you know, he did not depend on it for his livelihood, and he can do much of the material at the office, whereas he can't do it at home.

One of the busiest of the prominent architects who has not, so far as he knows, been engaged in any of the kind of systematic draughtsmanship said: "This does not understand the system, so far as I know, and I think it is the intention of Mr. [Name] to get the system out of the hands of the old delay; any man with the necessary power and having the most primitive of the system, he can do it, and he can do it fairly put a stop to the wholesale interference of government employees with engaged in private business."

SECRETARY WHITNEY

Congratulates the Country on its increasing Independence.

Secretary Whitney" announced yesterday that the Navy Department is negotiating for months between the Navy Department and the Hotchkiss Ordnance Company have culminated in a contract, the effect of which will be the establishment of a branch manufacturing for Hotchkiss's guns in this country. The Hotchkiss "batteries," the Secretary said yesterday, "have heretofore been made abroad and the creation of an American establishment for their manufacture in the country will mark another era in the reconstruction of the navy. Mr. Hotchkiss, the inventor of the famous Hotchkiss American. When he died, in 1881, English, France, Germany, Russia, Italy—everywhere—were manufacturing Hotchkiss guns. The establishment for the manufacture of Hotchkiss ordnance, by delaying the purchase of guns from abroad, will save the navy money. The Hotchkiss guns, water, are enabled to render creditable for a large supply. The company's inventions have elicited the fact that, in the consideration of the guns may be made cheaply here as abroad. It was a matter

factory of our own country, and instead of depending on commerce, we are now able to manufacture our own torpedoes, and are no longer able to depend upon other nations for our war material. Machine guns, torpedoes, and an indispensable branch of naval armament, the 6-pounder Hotchkiss gun requires but one shell to discharge twenty-three shells per minute with a velocity sufficient for the penetration of a 6-inch steel plate 1,000 yards distant. These guns are mounted on a tripod stand against torpedo boats, unarmored ships, and in clearing the exposed decks of battleships. The 6-pounder is a very effective 20-pounder, and is experimenting with a 20-pounder. With the Bethlehem machine gun, the American shipbuilders will be able to arm all our ships entirely from American manufactures.

Subscribers from Insulation.
Robert Seard, Howard Butshall, and the King, who were over here last night, were most improved yesterday.

Harrison Williams, a colored laborer last overcome by the heat yesterday at noon on the 10th inst., died last night.

Stephen Casain, aged 15 years, a member of C. P. Byrne's club, was overcome by the heat of a sunbath at the swimming pool yesterday afternoon. Dr. Stron attended him at his home, 1214 Third street, and after a short time he was able to get up. His bath, aged 21 years, a porter at the Hotel Cecil, died yesterday. He was cared for at the Emergency Hospital.

John J. O'Connell, 30 years of age, was taken from nervous prostration on Tuesday night at the garage by Dr. McKoon.

A Cheap Family Excursion.

The popular excursion to the mill at Glenmont at 10 o'clock this morning left at 5:30 p. m. This is the 10-cent "family" trip, and the children who are suffering from the heat will find it a most refreshing one. They will have river breezes, and come home 100 per cent better than they were when they started. The excursion is in regular running at 7 o'clock.

The Weather.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland the weather is generally warm, with a stationary temperature.

m., 82.0°; 10 p. m., 81.0°; mean temper-
84.3°; maximum, 82.0°; minimum, 74.0°;
relative humidity, 74.3°; total precipi-
0 inches.